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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : **Darren Kady**
Serial Number : **09/178,837**
Filed : **October 26, 1998**
For : **Locking Device For Tools and Equipment**
Group : **2735**

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2000, with a response date of March 29, 2001, please enter the following:

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1. (Twice Amended) An [internal] operating control device for equipment having an exterior case, a power source, an internal activation member and a driver member, said control device having:

a predetermined user access code,